IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP NO.16579 of 2006

DATE OF DECISION: 19.10.2006

Gurpreet Singh and others ..Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others ....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE J.S. KHEHAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.D. ANAND

PRESENT: Mr. S.P. Soi, Advocate for the petitioners.

J.S. Khehar, J. (oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that the controversy in the instant writ petition is identical to the one raised in a number of writ petitions including CWP No.13994 of 2006. Learned counsel for the petitioners prays that the same order, as has been passed in the aforesaid writ petition, should be passed in the instant writ petition as well.

The issue raised in the instant writ petition pertains to the eligibility of the petitioner for appointment against the post of Veterinary Pharmacist. Despite the fact that the first advertisement for appointment against the post of Veterinary Pharmacist was issued on 20.6.2006, and thereafter, a subsequent advertisement was issued on 20.8.2006, extending the last date of submission of application forms to 5.9.2006. The petitioners have approached this Court by filing the instant writ petition on 18.10.2006, requiring this Court to pass an order, as has been passed in the other cases, so as to permit them to participate in the process of selection.

It is not possible for us to entertain the instant writ petition filed at the hands of the petitioners under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, as the petitioners have approached this Court well after the last date of submission of the application forms. The application forms, in response to the advertisements under reference, were to be submitted and accepted by the specified authorities. Such application forms were declined in cases of candidates found ineligible. The petitioners should have approached this Court immediately when their application forms were declined, well before the commencement of the process of selection, as also, the last date of submission of application forms. Since the petitioners have approached this Court belatedly, we decline to entertain the instant writ petition in exercise of our jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.

Dismissed.

(J.S. Khehar)
Judge

(S.D. Anand)
Judge

October 19, 2006.
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